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Attention: Federal Resources Office, M.S. 82
For Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization 2006 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 2

We have completed our review of the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2006 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment Number 2 that was submitted by your letter dated November 2, 2006. The TMPO adopted Resolution Number 2006-10 on October 25, 2006, approving amendment number 2 to the 2006 TMPO FTIP. As detailed in the enclosure to your letter, this TMPO FTIP amendment proposes to add Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program funding for intersection channelization and signalization improvements at the junction of U.S. Route 50 and State Route 89 in the City of South Lake Tahoe.

We are approving Amendment No. 2 to the 2006 FTIP for the Tahoe region pursuant to the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450, and in accord with the *July 15, 2004, Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX*. We find that the Tahoe MPO 2006 FTIP, including Amendment No. 2, was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 135. We have determined that the adopted modification to the Tahoe MPO FTIP that is proposed for inclusion in California's 2006 FSTIP is exempt from the regional emissions analysis and conformity determination requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule as amended. Our transportation planning and air quality conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the U.S. EPA and FTA.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this Tahoe MPO FTIP Amendment, please contact Wade Hobbs of the FHWA California Division office at (916) 498-5027, or by e-mail at wade.hobbs@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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